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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Patent Application of : Group Art Unit: 1633
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Appln. No.: 08/913,918 : Examiner: Janet M. Kerr, Ph.D.
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Filed: December 8, 1997 :
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For: ISOLATED STROMAL CELLS : Attorney Docket
AND METHODS OF USING : No. 9855-14U1
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AMENDMENT

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed November 23, 1999 (Paper No. 14), sent in connection with the above-referenced application.

This Amendment is being timely filed in view of the accompanying Petition for a one month extension of time, which extends the time for a response to the Office Action through and to March 23, 2000.

In response to the Office Action, kindly amend the application as follows.

In the Specification

On page 1, after the title and before the paragraph entitled "Field of the Invention", please insert

-- Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/006,627 filed on November 13, 1995, and to PCT/US96/04407, filed on March 28, 1996.